

REMARKS

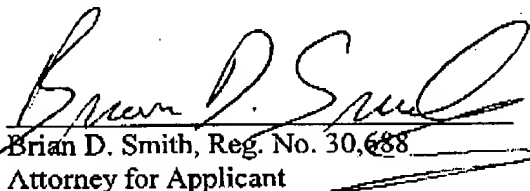
Applicant submits that amended claims 23, 33 and 38 (as well as the remaining claims which depend therefrom) distinguish over the prior art cited in the office action and the other art of record since none of the art discloses a scraping device having a straight scraping edge portion which protrudes from said housing of the device so that an imaginary line drawn through the edge of said straight scraping edge portion extends beyond the surface of the housing. In Lyons, it will be appreciated that an imaginary line drawn through the edge of the straight portion of the blade intersects or extends into the housing of the device.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration are requested and allowance is solicited at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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